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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arvind D. Patel et al. Group Art Unit: 1712

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Examiner: Tucker, Philip

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For: BIODEGRADABLE SURFACTANT FOR INVERT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003.

冈 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the one-month extension of time fee and any other necessary fees regarding this application from Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 11836.0689.PCUS00.